

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Order Instituting Rulemaking Into
Implementation of Assembly Bill 1149, Regarding
Underground Electric and Communications
Facilities.

Rulemaking 00-01-005
(Filed January 6, 2000)

**ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE'S RULING
GRANTING MOTION TO INTERVENE**

Summary

This ruling grants The County of Los Angeles' (County of LA) Motion to Intervene in Rulemaking (R.) 00-01-005 and grants County of LA party status.

Background

On October 24, 2001, County of LA, pursuant to Rule 46 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, filed a Motion to Intervene in R.00-01-005. The Order Instituting Rulemaking was initiated on January 6, 2000, to implement a study into ways to amend, revise, and improve the rules for the conversion of overhead electric and communications lines to underground service.

County of LA specified that it is a customer of Southern California Edison Company (Edison) and a major beneficiary of the Rule 20 program. County of LA is a party in a separate proceeding before the Commission, Application (A.) 00-11-038, seeking relief from Edison's suspension of its Rule 20 undergrounding activity in January, 2001. County of LA seeks to participate in the instant proceeding to coordinate the relief it is seeking in that application

with the recommended revisions to Rule 20 set forth in the draft decision in this matter.

County of LA seeks party status to participate in the remaining aspects of this proceeding as it believes no other party can adequately represent its interests. County of LA indicates that its participation would not broaden the scope of the proceeding and it accepts the state of the record as it exists at this point in the proceeding.

Receiving no protest or objections, County of LA's motion to intervene and request for party status is granted. County of LA may participate in the proceeding from the date of this order forward. County of LA requests that all communications, pleadings, and orders be served as follows:

Roger A. Berliner, Esq.
Berliner, Candon & Jimison
A Professional Corporation
1225 Nineteenth Street, N.W.,
Suite 800
Washington D.C. 20036
Telephone: (202) 955-6067
Facsimile: (202) 822-0109
E-mail: rogerberliner@bcjlaw.com

IT IS RULED that The County of Los Angeles' Motion to Intervene and Request for Party Status is granted.

Dated November 5, 2001, at San Francisco, California.

/s/ CAROL BROWN (by ang)

Carol Brown
Administrative Law Judge

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that I have by mail this day served a true copy of the original attached Administrative Law Judge's Ruling Granting Motion to Intervene on all parties of record in this proceeding or their attorneys of record.

Dated November 5, 2001, at San Francisco, California.

/s/ JEANNIE CHANG

Jeannie Chang

N O T I C E

Parties should notify the Process Office, Public Utilities Commission, 505 Van Ness Avenue, Room 2000, San Francisco, CA 94102, of any change of address to insure that they continue to receive documents. You must indicate the proceeding number on the service list on which your name appears.

The Commission's policy is to schedule hearings (meetings, workshops, etc.) in locations that are accessible to people with disabilities. To verify that a particular location is accessible, call: Calendar Clerk (415) 703-1203.

If specialized accommodations for the disabled are needed, e.g., sign language interpreters, those making the arrangements must call the Public Advisor at (415) 703-2074, TTY 1-866-836-7825 or (415) 703-5282 at least three working days in advance of the event.